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Subject: Proposed settlement not long and strong enough, in my opinion

I am mainly concerned about the short term of the proposed settlement. After one or two years into the agreement, manufactures will again face uncertainty over potential Microsoft retaliation for promoting competing products. The five year term is hardly a large enough time window to allow competing products to establish themselves.

Also, the spirit of the proposed settlement is fine. However, we can be sure that Microsoft will largely ignore the spirit of the settlement, and with continual legal stonewalling, largely circumvent the proposed measures.

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